

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 17 and 20 are pending herein. Claim 17 has been amended in exactly the same manner as in the Amendment filed September 7, 2005 (which was not entered by the PTO). Specifically, claims 18 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and the subject matter of cancelled claims 18 and 19 has been incorporated into claim 17. Claims 21-27 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the Advisory Action of September 22, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claims 17 and 20, as they were submitted in the Amendment After Final on September 7, 2005, were in condition for allowance. Claims 17 and 20 are as presented in that Amendment.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims herein are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application in due course.

The After Final Amendments filed on July 26, 2005 and September 7, 2005 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Amendment.

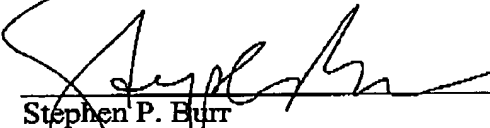
If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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